

HE SAW THE SEA SERPENT.
Mr. Stockwell, of Cromwell, Conn., Says That He and Six Others Saw It.
CROMWELL, Conn., September 20.—My attention has been called to a copy of your paper of the 16th inst., containing an article purporting to give an account of my recent encounter with the—or a—sea serpent in the Connecticut river opposite this place. Your reporter is rather inclined to make light of the whole affair, and says that public opinion is divided as to the appearance of the monster. He quotes Professor William Brewster of Middletown, while a man of great judgment and erudition, and an ardent student of natural history, can hardly be considered competent authority in this case, for he was not within three miles of the place where the serpent appeared, nor has he, to my knowledge, talked with those who saw it. At all events, he has not talked with me, and Mr. Silas Sage, who was in the boat with me. Neither did your reporter see either of us.

The theory of our running into a log is exploded by the fact that whatever it was that struck our boat came up near the stern and we, with our boat, were pitched forward. Then, too, we both saw the great serpent lashing the water and we unmistakably saw portions of its body in the water. We also saw it raise its head out of the water to a distance of at least ten feet and open its mouth and emit from a red tongue. All this was as plainly as we could see. It was very dark, and we were all frightened. Captain Phelps, Mr. Wilshire and Rev. Robert Sawyer saw the serpent, as did also Mr. B. G. Phelps of Middletown, an extensive operator in off, who was fishing in a boat near the Portland shore. When his head appeared, it seemed like the rising of a huge funnel out of the water. The reptile remained in the river several days, and may, for all any one knows to the contrary, be there yet. Three nights after its appearance here, ex-Middleton Dorsey and C. W. Church, of Middletown, were fishing for eels near the steamboat dock at that place, when they had a terrible commotion out in the river. It was so dark that they could distinguish little more than the fact that the water seemed greatly disturbed, and soon began to rock violently from the waves that came toward the shore. It was not a passing boat, for that would have been plainly visible; neither could they have mistaken the sound of a steamer's paddle wheels. They did not dare to row out to investigate, but pulled up their anchor and hurried for the shore.

I could cite other instances, if necessary, to show that some strange visitor has recently come up the river. Believing that you desire to get as near the truth as possible, and desiring to furnish all that is in my possession for the benefit of the many readers of your valuable journal, I ask you to give me space for this communication. Yours, respectfully, E. J. STOCKWELL.

CAPTAIN PICKLE'S SEA SNAKE.

Eager Men Searching Jersey's Beach for the Flirting Being of the Deep.

GLOUCESTER, N. J., Sept. 20.—Crowds of people have come here anxious to see the sea serpent that chased Captain Pickle in Howell's Cove on Friday evening. At an early hour yesterday every sail and row boat in Gloucester and Katon's Point had been chartered and scores of white-winged craft sailed down from the city. The objective point of these boats was Howell's Cove and vicinity, and the hope that animated most of their occupants was the hope of killing or at least seeing the marine monster. Many of the people who went out in the sailboats took rifles and shot guns with them, and many of them carried long bow hooks and old rusty harpoons. At one time the large expanse of water below Gloucester was fairly alive with boats. Some continued the search below Chesser, but at dark they all returned without having been rewarded with even a glimpse of his snakeship. Captain Eckley, of the yacht Lily, who saw the serpent below the mouth of the Schuylkill, on Saturday morning, started out in search of him early yesterday morning and had not returned at a late hour last night. When he left he expressed the intention of going as far as the Breakwater. The man who could not be learned whether any of the crews which came up the river yesterday had met the monster or not. Captain Pickle was pined all day long with questions, and as he is now regarded as a sort of hero he was obliged to refuse more invitations to "take snuff" than he probably ever before received. His old spy-glass was in constant demand, as was every other spy-glass in Gloucester. Iron side bars were under scrutiny as long as the light lasted, and every owner of a spy-glass was surrounded by a group of curious people as long as he would consent to scan the water.

Special Agent Sloan's Observations.

Mr. Sloan took a trip up the Ashley river yesterday, going as far as Lamb's, on the South Carolina railway, and thence up the east bank of the river on a launch. Mr. Sloan reports that most of the old mansions and historic places up the river have been destroyed. "Middleton Hall" is badly injured, while Dr. Baker's handsome old English house and the Cohen place are hopeless wrecks. At the Cohen place an old pump which had been buried in a well for years was forced four feet three inches above the surface of the ground. Mr. Sloan also discovered, between Lamb's and Ten Mile Hill, a large hole in which several small pine trees have been engulfed. The hole is thirty-one feet long at its longest point and twenty feet broad. When first discovered it is said to have been about fifteen feet in depth. It has since filled up with soft, oozy mud, and is now only about five feet deep. Mr. Sloan left for Augusta last night, having received orders from Washington to examine the country between Augusta and Columbia in order to ascertain whether there have been any changes in the geographical formation of the region, and whether there is any marginal line of the water have been operating upon which they have been operating. He will return about next week, and upon his return will furnish taking observations of the earthquake phenomena in and around the city.—News and Courier.

Fashion Notes for October.

Every thing Japanese and East Indian is in fashion. "Royal red" note paper, of a very brilliant hue, is used by fashionables, but is in very bad taste. Dade collars for young ladies are higher than ever, they are not generally becoming. This autumn all the browns are to shade to yellow rather than red, which has so long been fashionable. Sash pins and slides are made an eighth of a yard wide. They are dainty for children. Skirts of crocheted silk are worn over a contrasting color. This makes work for busy fingers. Birds' wings and feathers are used in great variety, although it was hoped that popular feeling was opposed to the slaughter of the innocents. The class of furniture most in favor at present is the English and Colonial style of 150 years ago.—Godey's Lady's Book.

A London lecturer on female attire said recently: "Dressed as women are, the less exercise they take the better for health. In fact, they are seldom fit to stand erect or walk a block, but should be rolled around or carried on a palanquin. Not one woman in ten thousand has inside her clothes for the rise and fall of the ribs; not one in ten thousand whose vital organs are not displaced by external pressure. While this is so, the less exercise they take the better for themselves."

CRISIS IN BULGARIAN AFFAIRS.

Important Meeting of the English Cabinet—It Looks Like War with Russia.

LONDON, September 23.—The Cabinet met in council today. The principal subject of discussion is understood to have been Bulgaria and the attitude of Russia and Austria. Nothing else was talked of in the lobby of the House of Commons today. The general feeling, in spite of the outward assurances of peace, is that war is coming. The reports published here from Bulgaria are for the most part either untrustworthy or calculated to create false views of the position of affairs. The situation there is considered critical, and civil war is dangerously near. Bismarck's conciliatory policy toward Russia has modified the English attitude. The Foreign Office is disposed to take the stand that if the powers do not consider it for their interest to support her in preventing the fall of Constantinople, they will offer no opposition to the Russian advance into the Mediterranean. In that case the Egyptian Sudan would be entirely changed, and England would consider the possession of the road to India a life and death question. In diplomatic circles the belief is universal that Salisbury was completely outwitted by M. de Giers in the Bulgarian episode. From the time he returned to office to the final abdication of Alexander, and that Russia is master of the situation in the Balkan states.

Get Down by Kindness When Threats Were of No Use.

THREXTON, N. J., September 19.—A convict came to a great commotion in the State prison here last Tuesday. In the afternoon the alarm signal was rung in the prison at the first time in many years, and in an instant dozens of keepers and guards crowded into the brush shop whence the alarm came. They found James Driscoll, a powerful convict, in one corner near the elevator, armed with a heavy chisel and a long needle. In front of him stood two deputy keepers covering him with their heavy revolvers. The head keeper stepped up to Driscoll and said: "Driscoll, if you don't lay those things down in five minutes we will shoot." "Shoot and be hanged! I will have one life anyway," roared Driscoll doggedly. The head keeper held his watch in his hand and told off the minutes as they passed.

One—two—three—four—

"Don't shoot," at this moment interposed Prison Inspector Cartwright, who was an eyewitness of the scene, and whose word is law in the prison: "give him time to induce Driscoll to surrender, but without success. Again did Inspector Cartwright say, "Don't shoot." Finally, realizing that harsh measures would have to be resorted to, he started to leave the room, but as he closed the door he changed his mind, and returned with the determination to prevent bloodshed. "Hold on; wait a moment," he said, as he advanced toward Driscoll, despite the efforts of the keepers to restrain him. "Now, look here, young man," said the inspector, as he stood within five feet of the prisoner, "You are throwing your life away. Do you know me?" "No, I don't know you, and I don't want to know you," answered Driscoll as he brandished his weapons. "I am one of the inspectors, and it is my duty to protect you. That is what I am here for. My name is Cartwright."

"If your name is Cartwright, you have got a good name in this prison. If you will send those hounds away from here I will go anywhere with you," said Driscoll, as he took both weapons in his left hand and allowed the inspector to take him by the right. After nearly every official had left the room, Driscoll laid down the weapons and walked quietly with the inspector to the round. On the way the inspector told him that he had carried a very grave crime and that he would have to be punished for it. "But," said the inspector, "I will see that you are not tortured." Driscoll was then handcuffed and placed in the dungeon, and is now feeding on bread and water. The immediate cause of Driscoll's revolt was an order of Deputy Keeper Ashley for him to stop singing, which he refused to obey. Driscoll has the reputation of being very unruly. He has served a term on Chickwell's Island for burglary, and also 19 years in Sing Sing for a similar offense and shooting an officer in New York.

While There is Life There is Hope.

Many of the diseases of this season of the year can be averted by a small amount of care and at little cost, by the timely use of EWANK'S TOPAZ CINCHONA CORDIAL. It cures Diarrhea, Dysentery, Cholera Morbus and like complaints. No traveler should be without a bottle, as it will prevent any disease that would not doubt arise from the change of water, food and climate, without its use. The most valuable medicine in the world, contains all the best and most curative properties of all other Tonics, Bitters, etc., etc., being the greatest Blood Purifier, Liver Regulator and Laxative and Health-Restoring Agent in existence. For Malaria, Fever and Ague, Chills and Fever, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Sick Headache, Nervous Headache, Chronic Rheumatism, etc., etc., it is truly a Herculean Remedy. It gives new life and vigor to the aged. For ladies in delicate health, weak and sickly children, nursing mothers. See circulars wrapped with bottle.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Sept. 1, 1885.

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HUTSON LEE.

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THE TOPAZ CINCHONA CORDIAL CO., Spartanburg, S. C., U. S. A.

He Stayed.

The other night a husband was making ready to go down town to spend his evening with some very agreeable and convivial friends, or rather to post his books as his business sometimes have to do, and just as he got ready to leave his loving wife went to him, and with all her dear old ways of warning and coaxing, and which made those raptures and moments with Heaven borrowed fits of happiness, said to him "darling I have a communique for you to answer. Now tell me, sweetie, why are you like dough?" "I don't know my sweet a-doree," he replied, snickering at the pun he had made. "Well, I'll make another doughnut to your stock of puns by saying you are kneaded at home, and under such circumstances no well bred man ought to be loafing down town at night."

The difference between the two famous Victorias is that one is a sovereign while the other is but a Schilling.

SHOWER OF FLOODS IN THE OUTSKILLS.

Remarkable Phenomenon Witnessed by a Party of Summer Visitors.

CATSKILL, September 19.—A phenomenon of remarkable character was witnessed yesterday afternoon a mile from Catskill village. A number of persons were seated on a hillside, looking down on the river below, when their attention was suddenly drawn to the fact that although the air was dry and there was no indication of a shower, yet there was a sound, yet there was nevertheless a sound below as of heavy raindrops falling in increasing succession on the leaves. They discovered that the noise was caused by the falling of innumerable little dark objects about the size of a small bean, which on closer investigation proved to be flies in miniature. The air was dense with the falling flies, like a storm snow for color. In appearance it more nearly resembled the clouds of sand seen in Colorado and other places subject to such mysterious visitations. The flies were black, with small, hard bodies and fine, transparent wings. They appeared suspended on reaching the ground, but soon showed activity. The shower lasted, with slight intermissions for twenty minutes. The trees and grass for a very conspicuous area were black with the insects.

The Sea Nettle of Mobile Bay.

Capt. L. H. Kennedy is laid up at Howards from the effects of an encounter with a sea nettle. He left for that famous resort yesterday, and it is said that he was stung Sunday. The sea nettle, or jelly fish, is quite common in Mobile Bay. The body is transparent and jellylike, dish shaped, with mouth downward, from which hang appendages varying in number, length, and purpose. The body is so largely made up of water that on drying it is reduced to a mere film of material. They are so transparent that they would hardly be seen in the water but for their beautiful colors. They resemble some human beings in one particular—they are all stomachs. Their principal office is to grow hungry and fill up. They are said to make from 150 to 200 hearty meals a day and wake up in the night shouting for lunch. They eat everything in sight, and when there is nothing in sight they eat themselves, or if more convenient, each other. They move with the rapidity and elegance of a fleet of porpoises, and are the most voracious of predators. They perform these acts in a manner which would hardly be expected in a transparent mass of jelly. Perhaps they themselves are able to recognize the incongruity of these evolutions, but though they may blush they do not hesitate. Evidently they are driven to it by hunger. A fish that has to eat so many hundred meals a day must be very hungry from habit as well as from principle. No doubt the jelly fish was surprised when it tackled the porphy. Capt. Kennedy, and found that it had bitten off more than it could chew. Capt. Kennedy was also surprised, and perhaps surprised. He says so. There is no doubt as to his feelings in the matter. But, happily he escaped, plus one experience, and the jelly fish is by this time a mere film of membrane.—Mobile (Ala.) Register, Sept. 10.

Starvation in Texas.

BUFFALO, N. Y., September 20.—Rev. John Brown, Presbyterian clergyman of Albany, Texas, is in the city in the interest of 100,000 starving families, representing 500,000 people, who, he says, are starving in the drought stricken district of north-west Texas. Appeals were made by him yesterday in different churches. Mr. Brown says that the suffering and distress caused by the drought, which has existed for the past fifteen months, was even greater than at Charleston, but the railroad authorities who owned land, which he would sell to settlers, caused to crush up the real condition of the people lest it should interfere with immigration. Thousands of families had not eaten meat this summer, and water is being carried 30 miles for household use. The object of his mission is to procure 100,000 bushels of seed wheat, but owing to the Charleston disaster he had thus far only received tens where otherwise he might have obtained thousands of dollars.

Southern Prosperity.

The New York Commercial Advertiser reports immense activity in dry goods, groceries, building, boots and shoes and all trades and occupations. Much of this briskness is said to be because of increased Southern orders. The business development of the south is declared to be one of the notable signs of the times. The Commercial Advertiser emphasizes the fact that while the market of the West not only holds its own but is constantly growing, what is practically a new market of almost boundless possibilities has arisen in the South. It asserts that this prodigious increase in the purchasing power of the Southern States is in no slight degree the cause of the substantial increase in the business of New York city.

The New Orleans Picayune considers these signs unmistakable, not only of a general improvement in the markets of the country, but a special and unerring index of the excellent credit and prosperity of the South.

This is not a time for any man to be idle. There is a "boom" just ahead, from all accounts, that means better days for all who are employed industrially.

How to Put a Baby to Sleep.

A woman with a wakeful baby thus writes: "I used all the arts of soothing and persuading, but there he sat and cooed and laughed, and watched the light and the shadows until 11 o'clock came and went and I was just at hand. Something must be done, and I could think of nothing, unless a wet cloth on the head might have a soothing effect—at least it would do no harm to try. I took a piece of Canton flannel, large enough when doubled to cover the whole head, and wrung it rather dry out of warm water, then put it closely over the baby's head so as to cover both ears and eyes. The effect was wonderful. There was a brief struggle, then perfect quiet, and in less than five minutes the little fellow was sound asleep. Since then I have tried it again and again, and always with the same perfect result. It is a simple remedy for sleeplessness and well worth knowing and trying." This is published for the benefit of our young friends who have to lull their babies to sleep at night.

Two Very Ugly Twins.

They go hand in hand, and lead their victim a terrible tort down into the valley of the shadow of death. One is neuralgia, the other rheumatism. These generally proceed from disordered blood. Brown's Iron Bitters bloods out these ugly twins by setting the blood afloat and invigorating the system. Mr. W. T. Osborne, of Covello, Ala., used Brown's Iron Bitters for rheumatism and neuralgia with most happy effect. It also cures dyspepsia.

Get pictures if you can. Nothing is more mischievous, particularly to a person who has to pass much time in his room, than blank walls and nothing on them, for pictures are lighthouses of escape for the soul, leading it to other scenes and other spheres. It is such an inexpressible relief to some persons engaged in writing, or even reading, or in longing up, not to have his line of vision stopped short by an odious wall, but to find his soul escaping, as it were, through the frame of an exciting picture, to other scenes and other spheres, where the faculty of a moment may refresh, refresh and delighted.

A Mendville, Pa., man claims to have discovered the secret of tempering copper.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Facts of Interest Gathered from Various Quarters.

The silver in a Bland dollar is worth 744 cents.

California has earthquake insurance companies.

The world's cotton supply is 1,025,527 bales.

Barrett, the tragedian, has sent \$1,000 to the Charleston sufferers.

Mr. Gladstone denies the report that he is about to become a Catholic.

The officers implicated in the Madrid revolt have been condemned to death.

The New York banks now hold \$7,682, 125 in reserve in excess of legal requirement.

The greatest anxiety is felt in papal circles about the issue of Cardinal Jacobini's illness.

There are twenty-one murderers in the United States jail at Fort Smith, Ark., awaiting trial.

Thomas Rogers, a New York printer, aged 26, fell heir to a fortune. He is drinking himself to death.

El Coyote, the famous Mexican bandit, was surprised while asleep, and he and a number of his hand were killed.

There are 20,000 Knights Templar participating in the triennial convocation in St. Louis.

The Supreme Court for the United States will convene for the October term of 1896-97 on Monday, 12th prox.

Advices from Merv state that warfare is being waged between Afghans and the inhabitants of the Badakhshan.

The Turkish government proposes to mobilize 40,000 men in the district between Salonica and Uskup.

A number of Spanish insurgents at Toledo shot themselves to avoid being captured.

General Kaulbars bears with him to Sofia the ultimatum from Russia to the Bulgarian government.

The pursuit of the Spanish insurgents has ended. Those captured will be judged by severe martial law.

Parnell intends to make a special appeal to Irishmen in America to assist tenants evicted during the coming winter.

There are 18,000 Jews in Jerusalem more than have been there at one time as residents since 70 A. D., the time of Titus.

Harry Reed, of Dallas, Texas, while playing a match game of ball, was tripped at first base and broke his left leg short off.

Passenger rates from New York to the South and for the West have been reduced to a basis of \$25 to New Orleans.

The New York World's special newspaper train has made the fastest run on record. It recently ran 148 miles in 186 minutes.

Consul Mackay, at New Laredo, Mexico, has secured the discharge of a deserter from the Mexican army, the man being an American citizen.

The Earl of Dalkeith was accidentally shot and killed Saturday while stag hunting. He fell down and his rifle went off and took effect in his breast.

It is stated at Constantinople that England, Austria and Germany have invited Turkey to occupy Roumelia if Russia invades Bulgaria.

In a quarrel about 25 cents, in Graniteville, on Sunday, Press Williams shot and killed Alon Lewis. Both colored. No arrests were made.

A revolution was attempted Sunday by a number of Spanish troops quartered in Manila. Presently it amounted to little more than a mutiny.

Dispatches from many points in Northern Illinois report great damage done to farm property and residences by Saturday night's storm at DeKalb.

At Centerville, Miss., Thursday, Steve Flowers, colored, who shot on Jenks and others on the morning of the 20th instant, was lynched.

At a county fair race at Stockton, Cal., the two-year-old chestnut horse Todd won a mile dash in 1:41. This is the best two-year-old time ever made.

Over \$11,000 was raised at the evening session of the Unitarian conference at Saratoga, N. Y., to help rebuild Charleston's church destroyed by the earthquake.

There is no change in the mill troubles, except an increase in the force at the Augusta factory, where 45 hands are at work. Efforts are being made to adjust the differences.

The entrance of the Marquis of Londonderry, the new Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, into Dublin, was marked by the usual official signs of welcome and by hostile popular demonstrations.

Incendiaries set fire to the cabins at a Methodist camp meeting, near Reading, Pa., and the fire was extinguished with difficulty, after a dozen cabins had been burned.

A man was recently fined \$5 in the Denver Co. police court for fast driving, and the man who was run over by him and made the complaint was fined the same amount for using profane language in the encounter.

Three brothers named Morgan were drowned while bathing in the Chattanooga river Saturday, near Chattanooga. One was seized with cramps and the other two went to his assistance, when all three went down.

James Howe, founder of the New York Spirit of the Times, died in Lafayette, Ind., yesterday in his 80th year. Horace Greeley was employed by him on his paper as printer, and they formed an intimate acquaintance.

Governor Ireland, of Texas, received notice Tuesday that the attorney for the Arruresses family had forwarded for his approval papers claiming \$100,000 indemnity from the Mexican government for the brutal murder of Arruresses.

Advices from Maunabo state that at the opening of a relief house there the rush to obtain food was so great that 12 persons were trampled to death. Six thousand persons who were ruined by the recent flood were supplied with food.

Philadelphia women and girls employed in the household are agitating the question of a union with the Knights of Labor, so as to increase their rights, conveniences and privileges. They want fewer hours, greater pay and more bread.

Elementary education is now defined in England as including algebra, Euclid, mechanics, chemistry, physics, physiology, botany, sound, light, heat, magnetism, electricity, Latin, French, German and Hebrew. Alas! the poor children, what wise advice they will be.

At the last pigeon race in London 900 birds were despatched from Westminster for Brussels, and in less than two minutes all but four were out of sight.

Although a storm delayed the birds, the winning bird arrived in 5 hours 41 minutes, being an average of thirty miles per hour.

The Dutch Parliament was opened yesterday. The speech from the Throne pronounced Holland's foreign relations capital, financial satisfactory, requiring no increase in taxation, the harvest good and the cattle of the country healthy.

In the grain field of C. H. Huffman, near Mancel, Cal., on Monday, the harvesters dived through a board, producing several which set fire to the standing grain. About 240 acres of wheat, 500 acres of barley and 150 acres of stubble were burned.

A band of 282 Warm Spring and Chiricahua Indians, bucks, squaws and paposes, from the San Carlos reservation, arrived Sunday night in Jacksonville, Fla., guarded by two companies of United States troops. They left immediately for St. Augustine, where they will be placed on a reservation.

It is said that the next winter will be the worst that Ireland has had since 1879. Gen. Buller is disgusted with his job, and has advised the Ministry that the people of Kerry must either resist unjust rents or starve.

The Seventh Day Adventists in Maine are getting ready for the termination of all things terrestrial. They quote from the Bible that "there shall be earthquakes in divers places in the last days," and from this deduce that the earthquake in Charleston is an omen and a fulfillment of the prophecy.

Two freight trains collided on the Missouri Pacific road Thursday on a curve 30 miles east of Kansas City, Mo., and both derailed. George Cowles and John Light, of Sedalia, engineers, were killed, and two firemen injured. The wreck took fire and ten cars were burned with their contents, consisting of hogs, cattle and sheep.

Baltimore has fewer colored people than New Orleans and 5,000 more than Washington. Baltimore and Washington together have 102,000 colored people, and Philadelphia has 32,000; Richmond, Va., 28,000; St. Louis, 22,000; the little city of Petersburg, 12,000; Charleston, 27,000; Louisville, 21,000; New York city, not 20,000.

Lately, in Teheran, the ladies sent a deputation to the Shah of Persia complaining of the cafes, on the ground that their husbands stayed in them too long, and that family life was as a consequence being destroyed. Next day, by order of his Majesty, every cafe in the kingdom was closed. So much for a patriarchal monarch!

The following officers were elected by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Old Fellows, in session at Boston, Grandville, J. H. White, of New York; Deputy Grandmaster, J. C. Underwood, of Kentucky; Grand Secretary, T. A. Ross, of New Jersey; Grand Treasurer, A. Shepard, of Pennsylvania.

The Western frontier column of the British army of occupation in Burma has been cut off at Taingthah from communication with the main army by Daois under the leadership of Boshwey and other noted insurgents. Three hundred troops have been dispatched to relieve the beleaguered corps.

Commodore D. B. Harney, Acting Secretary of the Navy, has directed the Chief Constructor to prepare plans for the two sea-going, double-bottomed, 6,000-ton, armored cruisers authorized by the Act of August 3. The heads of the several bureaus are directed to cater upon the work without delay.

Alden, a small mining town about nine miles from Wilkesboro, Pa., was visited by a terrible wind and rain storm on the night of the 19th. Every building in the town was damaged. Several houses occupied by Hungarians were swept away and many other buildings unroofed. The storm caused the wildest alarm and several people were injured, but none fatally.

The Boston Globe says that whatever we have to endure of business lethargy and industrial disturbance is traceable to the malevolent policy of England and Germany in seeking to force the rest of the world to a gold standard, and thus, by wiping out silver as an equal medium of exchange, to contract values, double national and all other debts, and rob the millions who labor to enrich the few thousands who thrive by usury.

Joe Jefferson, the great comedian, is confined to his room at the hotel in St. Paul, Minn., with sickness, and as a consequence he has failed to fill his engagements in that city. For nearly 40 years he has played to delighted audiences, season after season, he has essayed his various roles and never missed an engagement until compelled to do so last week by illness. This is a record that few can equal and none excel.

About 5,000 of the new one dollar silver certificates, finished with the exception of the seal, which is printed in the Treasury building, were delivered yesterday. More will follow soon, and the handsome notes will soon be in circulation. The plates for the two are not yet ready, and it is not probable that any certificates of that denomination will be seen before the middle of October.

In 1896 William Buckels, of Holland, sailed the first barrel of herrings, and now his grateful countrymen are about to celebrate the fifth century of his simple yet memorable discovery. But England long since did honor to his memory. Charles V had a statue erected to the herring seller who became the benefactor of his country.

Queen Mary of Hungary, however, paid him even greater honor. During her residence in Holland she discovered his tomb, and, seated upon it, ate a salted herring.

Secretary Bayard has appointed Sewall Brown a jury of one to have absolute control over all press communications to the public from his department. Brown is an inheritance from the grand old party, whose subservient tool he has been for a dozen years. He made